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Declare December 2010 as Human Rights Month in Los Angeles County

On December 10, 1948, the General Assembly of the United Nations approved the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, declaring that “recognition of the inherent dignity and of the equal and inalienable rights of all members of the human family is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world,” and the basic human rights addressed in the Universal Declaration include economic, social, and cultural rights, as well as civil and political rights, all considered to be equally important in fostering human dignity and freedom.

The Universal Declaration calls for all people and governments at all levels to promote and respect the human rights it recognizes, and provides a standard of achievement for governments, communities, organizations and people of all kind throughout the world. Each year on December 10th, the international community commemorates this event and recommits itself to a broader achievement of human rights and lowering barriers to full public participation.

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I THEREFORE MOVE that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors declare December 2010 as Human Rights Month in Los Angeles County and encourage all County departments to inform their employees of this declaration and to take at least one action to support the principles recognized in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and ask that the County Human Relations Commission provide assistance in this regard whenever requested, and encourage all employees and residents to work together in the coming year on ways that we can achieve greater progress in respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the full range of human rights contained in the Universal Declaration.

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